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PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0090/004001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Noboru NAKASHIMA Art Unit: 3763
Serial No.: 10/084,491 Examiner: Ghafoorian, R.
Filed : February 28, 2002
Title : SAFETY INDWELLING SYRINGE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002,
applicant hereby submits the enclosed papers including an
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.

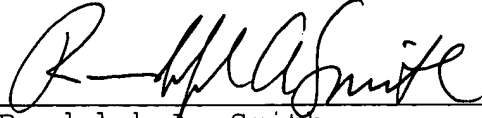
The required fees are calculated below:

Total Claims	<u>10</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00
Independent	<u>2</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE:						<u>\$0.00</u>

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER
FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0090/004001.
THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE
ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 17, 2003


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the
subject matter therein.

Please substitute claims 2-5 and 7 for the pending claims
with the same numbers, respectively:

a' -- 2. (Amended) A safety indwelling syringe as set forth in
claim 7, wherein the protective sheath is slidably fitted inside
the tubular portion of the fixed sheath.